(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the present age relaxation is sufficient to meet the requirements to OBC candidates in view of their social conditions that warrants more age relaxation for them;

(e) if so, the details and the steps proposed to be taken thereon; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) In case of direct recruitment to services under the Government of India, relaxation of three years in upper age limit is provided to OBC candidates.

(b) to (f) Representations have been received from some OBC associations requesting to increase the relaxation in upper age limit to 5 years for OBC candidates in case of direct recruitment.

Ban on Filling up of Posts

3794. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have stopped recruitment against the vacant posts in Government Departments for the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Each Administrative Ministry of the Central Government fills up the vacancies under its control as per the extant guidelines on the subject.